

## INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Only candidates running as members of one of California's seven qualified political parties are eligible to participate in the primary election process. To provide a method for the nomination of nonpartisan candidates to partisan public offices, the independent nomination provisions of Part 2 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, beginning at Section 8300, were established. There is no limit on the number of independent candidates who can be nominated and placed on the ballot at the general election, provided each meets the legal requirements.

To be eligible as an independent candidate at the general election, the potential candidate:

- 1) Cannot have filed as a partisan candidate at the primary election and have been defeated for the party's nomination at that primary election; and,
- 2) Cannot have been registered to vote in California since October 2, 2003, as being affiliated with a qualified political party (i.e., Democratic, Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, or Peace and Freedom).

The nomination signature requirement for persons seeking an independent candidacy is based on the previous general election's registration figures. Depending on the office sought, nomination papers must be signed by either at least one or three percent of the number of registered voters in the election jurisdiction as of October 21, 2002. The charts on the following pages provide the specific signature requirements for each district.

Independent candidates for state legislative offices must file declarations of intention during the pre-primary filing period for partisan candidates (October 27-November 5, 2003). §8350

### Nomination Signatures Required for Independent Candidates for United States Senator

<b><u>October 2002 Registration</u></b>	<b><u>Signatures Required*</u></b>
15,303,469	153,035

\*1% of the statewide registration as of October 21, 2002

**Nomination Signatures Required for Independent Candidates  
for United States Representative in Congress**

<b>District</b>	<b>October 2002 Registration</b>	<b>Signatures Required*</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>October 2002 Registration</b>	<b>Signatures Required*</b>
1	337,777	10,134	28	234,330	7,030
2	327,176	9,816	29	299,622	8,989
3	341,081	10,233	30	391,247	11,738
4	377,654	11,330	31	175,477	5,265
5	269,182	8,076	32	228,414	6,853
6	337,046	10,112	33	283,682	8,511
7	280,750	8,423	34	177,734	5,333
8	367,683	11,031	35	241,346	7,241
9	323,079	9,693	36	313,034	9,392
10	336,509	10,096	37	249,770	7,494
11	318,970	9,570	38	229,063	6,872
12	320,051	9,602	39	237,825	7,135
13	255,024	7,651	40	278,453	8,354
14	322,354	9,671	41	277,202	8,317
15	277,884	9,337	42	310,877	8,327
16	246,749	7,402	43	180,875	5,427
17	274,901	8,248	44	273,849	8,216
18	273,176	8,196	45	273,467	8,205
19	314,808	9,445	46	354,523	10,636
20	192,984	5,790	47	167,328	5,020
21	257,065	7,712	48	356,381	10,692
22	302,911	9,088	49	280,196	8,406
23	304,806	9,145	50	354,056	10,622
24	354,850	10,646	51	261,271	7,839
25	282,537	8,477	52	353,998	10,620
26	323,256	9,698	53	317,497	9,525
27	281,689	8,451			

\* 3% of the total district registration at the last statewide election

## Nomination Signatures Required for Independent Candidates for State Senate

<b>District</b>	<b>October 2002 Registration</b>	<b>Signatures Required*</b>
<b>1</b>	479,491	14,385
<b>3</b>	482,770	14,484
<b>5</b>	375,373	11,262
<b>7</b>	451,533	13,546
<b>9</b>	416,441	12,494
<b>11</b>	437,412	13,123
<b>13</b>	311,106	9,334
<b>15</b>	430,993	12,930
<b>17</b>	384,308	11,530
<b>19</b>	478,088	14,343
<b>21</b>	422,333	12,670
<b>23</b>	474,130	14,224
<b>25</b>	346,095	10,383
<b>27</b>	347,619	10,429
<b>29</b>	413,150	12,395
<b>31</b>	366,112	10,984
<b>33</b>	440,119	13,204
<b>35</b>	461,274	13,839
<b>37</b>	375,991	11,280
<b>39</b>	467,758	14,033

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## Nomination Signatures Required for Independent Candidates for State Assembly

<b>District</b>	<b>October 2002 Registration</b>	<b>Signatures Required*</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>October 2002 Registration</b>	<b>Signatures Required*</b>
<b>1</b>	236,324	7,090	<b>41</b>	240,016	7,201
<b>2</b>	212,745	6,383	<b>42</b>	254,186	7,626
<b>3</b>	235,063	7,052	<b>43</b>	189,584	5,688
<b>4</b>	237,656	7,130	<b>44</b>	224,608	6,739
<b>5</b>	218,403	6,553	<b>45</b>	130,598	3,918
<b>6</b>	227,968	6,840	<b>46</b>	90,399	2,712
<b>7</b>	204,860	6,146	<b>47</b>	210,980	6,330
<b>8</b>	194,218	5,827	<b>48</b>	136,130	4,084
<b>9</b>	174,360	5,231	<b>49</b>	148,172	4,446
<b>10</b>	216,189	6,456	<b>50</b>	121,242	3,638
<b>11</b>	197,867	5,937	<b>51</b>	162,555	4,877
<b>12</b>	215,339	6,461	<b>52</b>	130,933	3,928
<b>13</b>	258,463	7,754	<b>53</b>	236,397	7,092
<b>14</b>	235,863	7,076	<b>54</b>	218,574	6,558
<b>15</b>	241,712	7,252	<b>55</b>	167,403	5,023
<b>16</b>	192,504	5,776	<b>56</b>	164,172	4,926
<b>17</b>	181,996	5,460	<b>57</b>	162,844	4,886
<b>18</b>	177,176	5,316	<b>58</b>	170,689	5,121
<b>19</b>	206,404	6,193	<b>59</b>	216,070	6,483
<b>20</b>	168,610	5,059	<b>60</b>	205,079	6,153
<b>21</b>	227,539	6,827	<b>61</b>	125,849	3,776
<b>22</b>	178,005	5,341	<b>62</b>	115,266	3,458
<b>23</b>	136,310	4,090	<b>63</b>	182,573	5,478
<b>24</b>	208,515	6,256	<b>64</b>	192,667	5,781
<b>25</b>	218,467	6,555	<b>65</b>	190,462	5,714
<b>26</b>	188,223	5,647	<b>66</b>	179,653	5,390
<b>27</b>	225,701	6,772	<b>67</b>	221,299	6,639
<b>28</b>	149,615	4,489	<b>68</b>	177,710	5,332
<b>29</b>	211,047	6,332	<b>69</b>	101,689	3,051
<b>30</b>	120,809	3,625	<b>70</b>	237,556	7,127
<b>31</b>	146,123	4,384	<b>71</b>	208,933	6,268
<b>32</b>	196,712	5,902	<b>72</b>	177,752	5,333
<b>33</b>	211,497	6,345	<b>73</b>	205,198	6,156
<b>34</b>	151,826	4,555	<b>74</b>	220,443	6,614
<b>35</b>	220,476	6,615	<b>75</b>	235,074	7,053
<b>36</b>	174,404	5,233	<b>76</b>	238,928	7,168
<b>37</b>	234,904	7,048	<b>77</b>	229,096	6,873
<b>38</b>	229,504	6,886	<b>78</b>	215,039	6,452
<b>39</b>	119,528	3,586	<b>79</b>	154,401	4,633
<b>40</b>	173,986	5,220	<b>80</b>	156,339	4,691

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